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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is for a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/766,090, filed January 19, 2001. Please enter the following amendment prior to examination of this application.

IN THE TITLE

Please delete the title and insert therefor --APPARATUS FOR WASHING GAS TURBINE ENGINES--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, after the title and before "Background of the Invention," please insert – This application is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/766,090, filed January 19, 2001, which is hereby incorporated by reference. -- .

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-5.